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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Franklin E. Crosslin, Jr.  
of Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Frank E. Crosslin, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crosslin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Eagleville to Frank and Mary Esther Crosslin, and was fortunate to enjoy the friendship of his three sisters, Nancy Davis, Martha Kay Brisby and Esther Victory; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Eagleville High School in 1954, Frank Crosslin enrolled in the University of Tennessee, transferring to Middle State Tennessee College in 1955, and returned to the University of Tennessee in 1956; and

WHEREAS, at the University of Tennessee, Frank E. Crosslin, Jr. was President of the Block and Bridle Club and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; he was also voted "Most Outstanding Student in Animal Husbandry"; and

WHEREAS, an active and distinguished scholar, he graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture; throughout his life he remained an avid Vols fan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crosslin moved to Smyrna in 1959 to manage Crosslin Supply Company, a small retail lumber and building materials business, and, in 1962, was promoted to Vice-President, and became Chairman of the Board in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Frank Crosslin served Crosslin Supply Company with acumen and diligence; in every position he held he earned the respect of his employees, peers, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he also conscientiously managed his family's farm in Eagleville, and raised registered polled Hereford cattle; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. Crosslin, Jr. lent his time and remarkable talents to many organizations, serving for twenty years as a member and president of the Smyrna Lion's Club, a member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Smyrna Hospital, and, in 1972, he was one of the first organizers and members of the first Board of Directors of the Citizen Central Bank; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, the Board of Tennessee-Carolina Building Materials Association, the Board of UGF, the Board of Directors of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors for Cavalry Banking, and the Rutherford County Industrial Bond Board; he was also Chairman of the Board of Public Building Authority, and a member of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crosslin was a diligent City Councilman for the town of Smyrna, and was an active 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner; and

WHEREAS, Frank Crosslin was duly recognized as "Business Legend of the Year" for 1997 by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he was a faithful and devout member of the Smyrna First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. Crosslin, Jr. was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Frank Crosslin enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Marjorie E. Blaiton Crosslin, and was the proud father of their son, Frank E. Crosslin III, and daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and he was also blessed with four beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. Crosslin, Jr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Frank E. Crosslin, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to his family and community, and celebrate the beauty and joy that was his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Frank E. Crosslin, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.